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1. "A novel method to bring about land reforms has been initiated in India. Acharya Vinoba Bhave, a disciple of Mahatma Gandhi, has launched Bhoojan Yagna (Land Gifts Sacrifice) movement to collect land donations from land-lords for distribution among landless peasants. His aim is to give five acres of land to each of India's ten million landless laborers by 1957. He tours rural areas on foot to collect land donations and his mission, which is in line with the country's traditions, is bearing fruit. More than a million acres have already been collected. The movement, which has full support of the Congress of Praja Socialist parties, is bound to weaken the Communist influence on landless peasants in some parts of India."

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